

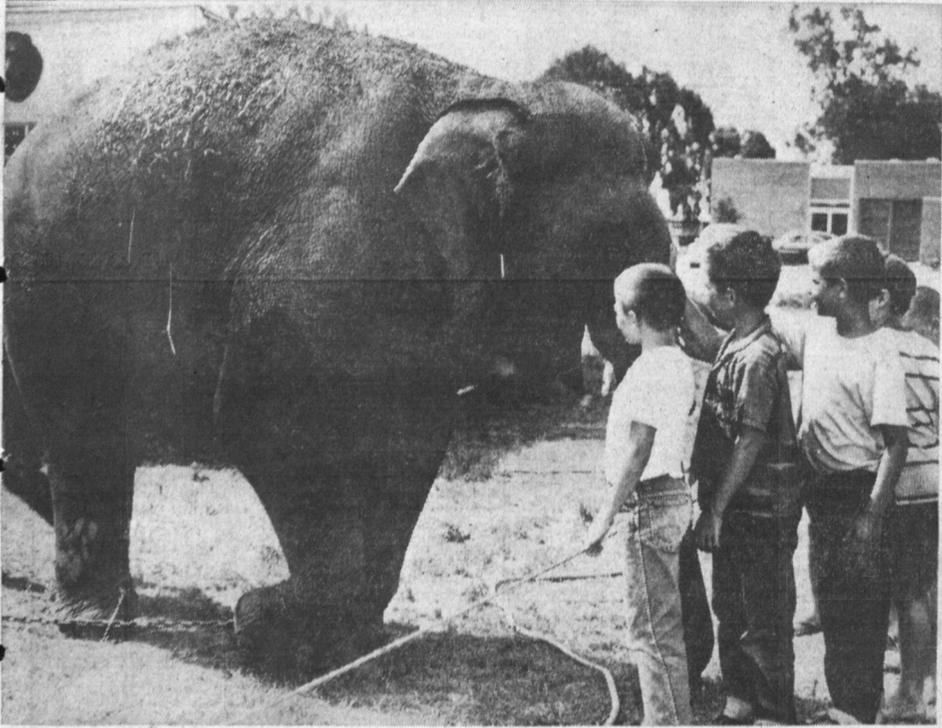
Councilman Threatens to Fire City Planning Heads

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JUMBO SIZE—Youngsters who are ever curious about a wild animal circus, pet Jeannie, the female elephant, which is one of the performers in the circus, to be presented in the civic center as part of Rancho Days attractions. The circus will have almost continuous performances through Sunday night, when the civic celebration ends. —Press Photo

Rancho Days Started Colorful Parade and Rodeo Circus Top Attractions

An opening night crowd estimated at 6000 attended the Rancho Days last night in the Civic Center. The civic celebration will continue through Sunday night and will include a parade Saturday night and a two-day championship rodeo.

Some 30 organizations are co-sponsoring this year's Rancho Days which feature numerous rides, games and concessions stands in the midway behind the civic center buildings.

The special events will include a wild animal circus every evening and all day on Saturday and Sunday. It will include lions and elephants and other animals.

Leads Parade

Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson will be grand marshal of the parade which starts Saturday at 6 p.m. at Cabrillo Ave. and Carson St.

The colorful procession will include more than 1000 participants, including 11 bands and drill teams, marching and equestrian units.

Police Lt. D. C. Cook, parade chairman, said that this year's invitational parade will be shorter and snappier. It will proceed on Cabrillo to Sartori Ave., on Sartori to Torrance Blvd. and will disband at the Benstead Plunge.

Thrill Rides

Midway activities will include 3 thrill rides, food and game concessions. Ted Hill is chairman of the concessions.

J. H. Paget, president of the



GLENN ANDERSON

Lighting Protests Denied

Victoria Knolls home owners who object to inclusion in a lighting assessment district made their protests too late.

This was the information they received from City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier when they renewed their battle against street lights in their subdivision Tuesday.

S. F. Duncan, of 2530 Highcliff St., spokesman for owners of 26 lots, claimed that this represents a majority of the 51 homes in the area. But this figure was disputed by Lawrence J. Thompson, an assessment engineer who said the 51 lots are part of a zone of 297.

Councilmen were told that if an exclusion were to be made it would have had to be done last week at the public hearing.

"If you live in a city you've got to accept services of a city. If you don't you should live in the country," declared Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Girl Bicyclist Taken to Hospital

A girl bicyclist suffered leg, shoulder and head injuries Monday afternoon when she collided with an auto on 178th St. near Crenshaw Blvd.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Betty Wilkin, 6 1/2, of 3206 W. 178th St. Police said the driver of the car was Charles Edward Goodwin, 34, of 23715 Cypress Ave., Lomita.

Beauty Event Switch Made to Beach City

Torrance beauties who wish to compete for the Miss America preliminaries, will have to take their business out of town.

In order to be eligible for the preliminaries, they will have to compete in the Miss Redondo Beach contest because Torrance has been stripped of its franchise.

Mel Wenzel, Redondo Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce official, said that the Torrance area franchise has been taken away from the Torrance Jaycees and been returned to the beach city club.

He said the transfer was made by State officials, after the Torrance club canceled the Miss Torrance contest earlier this year because of lack of entries in the event.

Wenzel said that Torrance had been originally part of the Redondo Beach franchise, and that his club now accepts entries for the Miss Redondo Beach from all over the South Bay area.

The contest will be staged Sept. 5, and the winner will compete for Miss California honors as a preliminary to the Miss America contest.

Application forms for the beach city event may be obtained from the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, 101 W. Diamond St.

This year's Miss Torrance contest was marked by a clash between the Jaycees who sponsored it for the first time, and James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Band who had sponsored the pageant for several previous years.

When only four girls signed up for the event, the Jaycees canceled it.



RODEO QUEEN—Ann Pellam, a Texas-born Narbonne High School student, will reign over Rancho Days, which will continue through Sunday. The 17-year-old queen has brown hair, blue eyes and enjoys tennis and horseback riding. —Press Photo

Hearing Slated for School District Budget of \$10 Million

An Aug. 4 public hearing is slated on the Torrance Unified School District's \$10,545,000 publication budget, following its approval by the Board of Education Tuesday.

By the time the hearing is held, the figures will be revised slightly, reflecting revised assessed valuation figures and complete compilation of 1958-59 costs. The previous budget figures were based, in part, upon estimates.

Unofficial assessed valuation figures for the district show that local taxable property is valued at about \$192,650,000, an increase of about \$13,300,000 over last year. While this will mean additional income for the district, the schools will have 2000 more pupils, seven new plants and a number of additions, more teachers, and higher costs than they had last year.

What effect this will have on the tax rate remains to be determined, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the board.

IN RANCHO DAYS

Gardena Council, Knights of Columbus, will participate in the Torrance Rancho Days as a fund-raising venture for Boys Town at Chatsworth.

Action Demanded on Sewage Sump



LION'S SHARE—Caesar the lion will be part of a wild animal circus which will be featured during the Rancho Days activities in the civic center. With him is Johnny Pack, his trainer.

Suspect Freed in Robbery

Two of three suspects in a downtown drug store robbery will face Superior Court trial while charges were dismissed against the third defendant following Tuesday's preliminary hearing.

Stephen Randazzo, 29, and his "double," Ralph Louis Tommarello, 26, were ordered arraigned in Inglewood Superior Court, August 7.

Robbery charges were dismissed against Harry C. Aartman, 35, on grounds of insufficient evidence.

The trio was accused of plotting the stickup of the drug store at 1327 El Prado on July 12, and making off with more than \$2000 in cash.

Nevada Arrest

Randazzo and Aartman were nabbed in a Las Vegas gambling casino after they were spotted there by Chuck Soens, 32, supervisor of the drug chain who made his own investigation of the case.

Tommarello, who resembles Randazzo, a former employe of the victimized store, was arrested later in his Fullerton home after he was identified by witnesses as the lone gunman who robbed James J. Cemore, assistant manager, and his then pregnant wife, Judy.

Judge Otto E. Willet denied a defense motion to lower the \$5000 bail on Randazzo and Tommarello on grounds that a gun was used and Mrs. Cemore was an expectant mother at the time.

Gets Apology

Mrs. Cemore gave premature birth to a healthy baby girl two days after the robbery, and received an apology from Tommarello who had taped her hands behind her back when he assertedly made his get-away following the stickup.

Police said that later investigation disclosed that while Aartman was present when the robbery was planned, he refused to participate in it. The gun which was taken in the holdup was taken from Aartman's car without his knowledge, officers said.

Police said when Aartman and Randazzo arrived in Las Vegas, the latter gave the money to his friend because he was a "smarter gambler."

Despite this, the pair dropped over \$1100 in gambling losses.

Health Menace Charged

Charges that a former hog ranch is becoming a sump for a dairy, were hurled Tuesday night by Councilman Willys Blount who demanded immediate action by city officials.

The councilman charged the now hog-less Foley Ranch on Madrona Ave., north of Spencer St., has been turned into a "private dump" without permission.

"Now the dairy to the north has joined the conspiracy... the place breeds filth and mosquitoes," Blount declared.

He said that a deep cut has been made in the land, and that a ditch had been opened from the dairy which dumps sewage into the hole.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said he will take immediate action to stop up the ditch.

"I'm about ready to renew my motion to get rid of the dairies," Blount grumbled, in urging that the County Health Department be notified.

In another action, Wade E. Peebles, public works director, announced that no proper plans for the Rancho Days midway had been presented and no inspection made of the apparatus in violation of a city ordinance.

"It's on city property but it has not complied with city laws," he charged.

Councilmen ordered Building Superintendent Lee Schless to block opening of the fair unless all proper inspections have been made.

Councilman in Threat to Purge Commission

If the Planning Commission doesn't get busy on planning, its members face a mass purge.

That was the threat of Councilman J. A. Beasley after the City Council was asked to expedite a variance for the Del Amo Medical Center on Hawthorne Blvd. Tuesday.

"We've had plans for this area under way for three or four years. We have about 1800 undeveloped acres at present absolutely unplanned.

"We have a Planning Commission and a planning department that should do some advance planning. I'm getting disgusted with subdivisions coming in here planning what we have not planned," the councilman snapped.

He added that "if somebody doesn't get busy, I will make a motion or second a motion to get a Planning Commission that will get busy."

Beasley was angered by a commission request to approve the variance for the building on Hawthorne Blvd. north of Carson St., without receiving minutes of its own proceedings in order to expedite the case.

RECEIVES CONTRACT

Harvey Aluminum received research development and supply contracts totaling \$1,253,564 from the U. S. Army Ordnance District.

The defendant is now in custody at Ft. MacArthur pending tomorrow's hearing.

Soldier Admits Baby's Paternity

A 23-year-old G.I. who faces preliminary hearing tomorrow on a statutory rape charge, admitted paternity of a baby born to a 14-year-old girl.

Police said that Ben Ray Whiteley, returned here from Korea, conceded that he probably is the father of the baby girl, now 10 months old.

The defendant is now in custody at Ft. MacArthur pending tomorrow's hearing.

One-Way Lanes on Torrance Blvd. Under Study

Conversion of Torrance Blvd. for one-way traffic is under study by the public works department this week.

Request for the change was made by the Los Angeles Department of Traffic in line with its improvement of Torrance Blvd. between Western and Denker Aves.

Los Angeles is redesigning the street east of Western Ave. and since it will have a center divider, wants to use it for one-way traffic on each side.

The Torrance City Council recently adopted a resolution requesting that an interchange be provided on the Harbor Freeway at Torrance Blvd. to aid Torrance motorists.

Ground Broken for New Office of Marina Federal Savings in Del Amo Shopping Area

Ground was broken Tuesday for a modern new headquarters of Marina Federal Savings in the Del Amo Shopping Center district.

The two-story building on the southeast corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds. will be ready for occupancy in December, and the functions of the present office at 1425 Marcelina St., will be transferred to the new location at that time.

The new building will contain approximately 10,000 square feet of floor space, with 5700 square feet to be devoted to the ground floor offices and large lobby.

Frontage

The building will have a 62-foot frontage on Hawthorne Blvd. and 100 feet along Sepulveda Blvd. One of its features will be a solar screen. The basic structure will be steel and masonry with 50 per cent of the ground floor exposure to be of glass and Norman brick.

The structure will be air-conditioned throughout.

Marina Federal has resources in excess of \$23,000,000, and each account is federally insured up to \$10,000.

Firm Officers

The association is managed by President Russell C. Chase. Other officers are Mary C. Arabian, vice president and secretary, and William D. Richardson, assistant vice president and manager of the Torrance-Peninsula office.

Association directors include P. Jones, Viola E. Powell, Warren Thornburgh, D.D.S., Roger Duitman, Chase and Mrs. Arabian.

DIGGING DEEP—For first shovel of earth to be turned at groundbreaking ceremonies for new headquarters of Marina Federal Savings and Loan Association at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds., are from left, J. H. Paget, president of Chamber of Commerce; William D. Richardson, Marina Torrance-Peninsula manager; Betty Baker, Miss Torrance; Mayor Albert Isen; William Belding, Broadway Del Amo general manager; Councilman Nickolas O. Drale and J. L. Harmon. Giving Miss Baker an assist with shovel is Russell C. Chase, president and manager of Marina. —Press Photo

